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THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED TO CAS SAIGON

QUOTE THIS IS A JOINT CAS STATE DEFENSE NSA MESSAGE FOR DELIVERY

AT OOB 9 MARCH TO AMBASSADOR, COMUSMACV [REDACTED] 25X1A

UNQUOTE (Sig Center copy from attached)

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R. J. SMITH, DDI

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b. IN HOW MANY CASES OF ATTACKS ON THE CITIES AND TOWNS DID THE RESPONSIBLE FIELD COMMANDERS RECEIVE WARNING THROUGH INTELLIGENCE SOURCES IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO AVOID BEING

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f. WHAT SUBSTANTIVE EVALUATED INFORMATION BEARING ON THE ATTACK ON THE CITIES REACHED THE FOLLOWING OFFICIALS IN THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 15-30?

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(1) GENERAL WESTMORELAND, (2) JCS, (3) SECRETARIES OF STATE AND DEFENSE, (4) DCI, (5) THE PRESIDENT.
(WORKING GROUP ADDS: AMBASSADOR BUNKER)

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A. MACV.

1. ASSEMBLE MATERIAL IN RESPONSE TO BOARD'S QUESTIONS A THROUGH E, FOR EXAMINATION AND POSSIBLE RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

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2. PROVIDE MACV'S EVALUATION OF THIS MATERIAL, ESPECIALLY ON QUESTIONS C AND D.
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1. PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE AND CLERICAL
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C. EMBASSY SAIGON

PROVIDE BRIEFINGS ON ITS STATE OF
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D. [REDACTED]

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3. PROVIDE A BRIEFING ON [REDACTED] PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING AND
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FROM: [REDACTED] 25X1A

1. Draft Message looks fine with following modifications:
 - a. Heading - make it a "Joint State - Defense - CIA - NSA message".
 - b. Page 5, para 4.d. - [REDACTED] 25X1A

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Ambassador Bunker
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JOINT STATE-DEFENSE - ~~NSA~~ CIA MESSAGE

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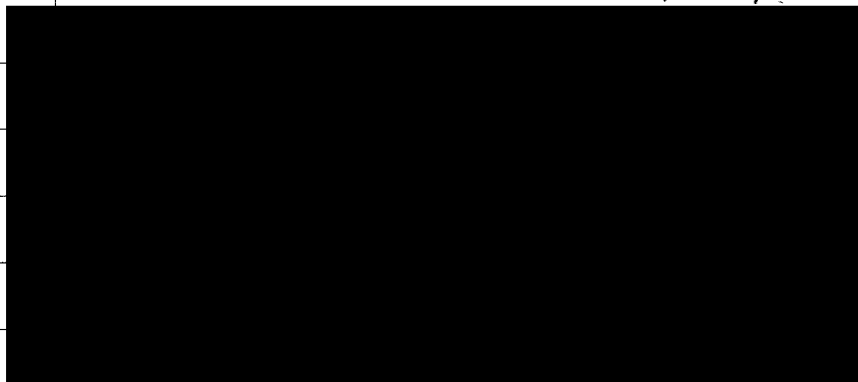
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